

AGENDA

CBC REGIONAL MEETING CHICO, CALIFORNIA MARCH 14 & 15, 2001

Wednesday, March 14

9:00 am **Welcome, Introductions, & Opening Remarks**

9:10 **Introduction to Local Forum** – Jane Dolan, Butte County Supervisor

9:25 **Moderator's Objectives** – The Roles of Private Lands in Watershed and Resource Management. Denny Bungarz, Glenn County Supervisor

Key issues and concerns

Statewide propositions and bonds (204, 12, 13) passed based on strong urban support. These bonds are funding private land purchases for habitat restoration and public benefits in Sacramento Valley and other areas with:

- *Less local voter support for statewide voter approved land acquisitions;*
- *Less diversified and vibrant regional economies;*
- *Higher local tax dependence on resource based industries;*
- *Concerns about new neighbors with pro-wildlife management goals;*
- *More vocal distrust of new state land ownership;*
- *Greater economic dependence on the State water and flood protection projects;*
and
- *Desire for third party intermediaries such as TNC as honest brokers.*

9:45 **Coffee Break and Poster Viewing**

10:15 **Issues with Land Acquisitions and Long-term Management Plans**

Moderator: Denny Bungarz

- Sam Lawson – The Nature Conservancy
- Dan Keppen – Bureau of Reclamation
- Jason Larrabee – Sacramento River Conservation Area
- Les Heringer – Sacramento Valley Landowners Association

The panel will discuss the issues county concerns on the purchase of private land by public agencies and the following:

- *Impact on local property taxes;*
- *Third party impacts of habitat restoration on adjacent landowners;*
- *Issues of public purchase of private land and placing them "Off-limits" while management plans are developed; and*
- *How The Nature Conservancy works with local landowners and agencies.*

11:00 **Open Discussion**

Noon **Adjourn**

1:00 pm **Field Trip**

Pick up your box lunches as you leave the forum and be ready to board the bus at 12:45.

Deer Creek

The first easement of its kind in Northern California. The majority of funding came from the US Fish and Wildlife Service with The Nature Conservancy holding the easement. This makes for a very complex easement in order to keep conservation values intact while running a large farm and ranch operation. The easement is currently being renegotiated to make it more workable for the private landowners, private organizations, and public agencies involved.

Woodson Bridge

A flood plain restoration site near a State Park, Caltrans Bridge, levee, and orchards along an eroding portion of the Sacramento River. Flood plain restoration is designed to increase ability of river to move without unexpectedly destroying adjacent land.

Return to hotel at 4:00 pm

5:00 **Bidwell Mansion Tour – Holiday Inn Parking Lot**

For those who wish to get a behind the scenes tour of the Bidwell Mansion, please be ready to board the bus at 5:00pm in the Holiday Inn parking lot. The California Department of Parks & Recreation will educate the group on the finer points of Bidwell Mansion.

6:00 **Social Hour – Sierra Nevada Brewery**

A bus will leave the Chico Holiday Inn parking lot at 6:00pm sharp for those wishing to take mass transportation to and from the brewery.

Also, we have arranged for a special VIP tour of the Brewery facility at 6:30pm if you wish to break away from the social hour.

7:30 **Dinner – Sierra Nevada Brewery**

Awards

Keynote Speaker – Cathy Klinesteker, Sacramento River Discovery Center

Ms. Klinesteker is the current Executive Director of the Sacramento River Discovery Center, a private non-profit dedicated to developing a populous that better understands, appreciates, and manages natural resource systems. This important goal is accomplished through public education programs.

Thursday, March 15
Linking Conservation Efforts in Watersheds

8:00 am Registration

8:30 Welcome, Introductions, & Opening Remarks – Secretary Nichols

Secretary Nichols will be introduced by Jane Dolan, Supervisor, Butte County.

8:40 Council Announcements

- *Award Presentation to Susan Levitsky: Carl Rountree*
- *CRMP Presentation: The new program director, Dana Helfer, will briefly introduce herself and goals for CRMP. CRMP members include all state and federal resource management agencies and RCDs.*
- *CSU Chico Funding Groups Database: Kristin Carter*

8:55 Executive Committee Report – Carl Rountree

- *Presentation of the Work Plan revised at Santa Rosa and Santa Barbara meetings*
- *Presentation of the new Executive Committee Charter that removes extra detail and focuses more on an advisory roles and less on the coordination of individual departmental coordination via internal redirections and task*
- *Announcement of the new Executive Committee Chair (Chris Nota, Regional Forester's Representative, USFS)*

9:15 Updates

- *California Coordinated Resource Inventory Strategy Program (Stanley Young)*
- *CBC Watershed Work Group (Maria Rea)*

9:30 Local Forum Report – Denny Bungarz, Glenn County

Supervisor Bungarz will report on the outcomes of the local forum (Issues with Land Acquisitions and Long-term Management Plans) from Wednesday morning. Supervisor Bungarz will recap the highlights of the field trip to Deer Creek and the Sacramento River, thus reinforcing the connection of the themes presented on the trip with Thursday's topics.

9:40 Watershed Management: From Rivers to Creeks

Speaker: Dennis Bowker, Sacramento River Watershed Program Coordinator

Overview of both the physical system and the institutional system in the Sacramento River to set the stage for new federal members and get everyone up to speed on the latest political status. The primary goal is to provide a regional perspective before hearing from a range of local projects. John Lowrie (CALFED) will also provide some updates. We will work with Dennis to end with key questions to spur questions before Coffee Break and discussion during coffee break.

10:15 Coffee Break and Poster Viewing

10:45 The Diversity of Watershed Groups in the Sacramento Valley – Moderator: Burt Bundy, Sacramento River Conservation Area

- Chet Vogt – local landowner
- Suzanne Gibbs – Big Chico Creek Alliance
- Diane Gaumer – Deer Creek Conservancy
- Leah Wills – Feather Creek CRMP

A diverse group will discuss restoration and other activities within the watershed they represent. The speakers will give a brief background of their watershed efforts, accomplishments, and driving force of their particular group. Stakeholder involvement and educational efforts, with a focus on the planning process will also be covered. Questions will be posed dealing with the common concerns for ensuring public involvement and identifying the necessary factors of success in the watershed.

11:45 Open Discussion

12:15 Lunch

1:45 pm Regulatory Coordination – Moderator: Bob Neale, Sustainable Conservation

- Jeff Souza – Western Shasta RCD (project \$ but no LT solution)
- Peter Stent – Shasta Valley Landowner (almost did not happen)
- Vicky Dawley – Tehama Resource Conservation District (painful success)
- Daniel Mountjoy – Elkhorn Slough Regional Coordinator (success w/ (+) model)

The panel will discuss regulatory hurdles for implementing restoration projects. Speakers will focus on barriers that hinder permitting and creative steps taken to remove them. The discussion will also focus on suggestions that regulators can take to make the permit process user friendly so that more restoration projects will occur on the local level.

2:45 Open Discussion

This will summarize issues of the day and work towards discussion of more fruitful interaction. The Resources Agency Permit Barrier Task Force can be introduced and/or brought up as a potential response to the challenges discussed during the two days.

3:30 Public Comment

4:00 Adjourn